Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme.

125. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the cost at which they hope to supply 1000 gallons of water under the present estimate of the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme;

(*b*) whether the final estimate of the scheme was scrutinised and reported upon by any specialist;

(*c*) whether they have considered any means to modify the scheme and make it cheaper; and

(*d*) whether the general revenues of the State may have to contribute to the recurring expenditure on account of the scheme and, if so, for how many years?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) This question has not been decided. Hence it is not possible to give an answer now.

(*b*) The final estimate has been prepared on the lines advised by the specialist, Mr. J. W. Madeley, who visited Trivandrum and scrutinised the original scheme, and under the guidance and instructions of Mr. A. Vipan, the then Chief Engineer, who had experience in Water Supply and Drainage Project in British India. No need was therefore felt to refer the final estimate to another outside specialist.

(*c*) The final scheme has been made as cheap as possible, consistent with the requirements of efficiency and the local conditions. Every attempt is being made to carry out the Project as economically as possible.

(*d*) It is not possible to answer this question now, as the matter is only under consideration.

Incident at the College Council, Women's College.

126. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that at a meeting of the College Council of the Women's College held sometime ago a very unpleasant incident occurred between the Principal and the Assistant Professor of History;

(*b*) whether they have received any report about such an incident, if any;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Lady Principal has recommended stringent action being taken against the Assistant Professor; and

(*d*) if so, the charges against the Assistant Professor?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) A report containing facts more or less similar to those indicated by the member has been received by the Government from the Director of Public Instruction. The report is now under examination by the Government.

(*d*) The Government are unable to answer this question at this stage.

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